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1. [REDACTED] Oldrich Kaiser, Czech Minister to Mexico, informed the Czech Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Information in Prague that he and Norbert Fryd, Cultural Attache, would like to recommend that David Alfaro Siqueiros be invited to Czechoslovakia. [REDACTED] from a political point of view such an invitation would be advantageous especially because of its propaganda value.

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2. [REDACTED] Siqueiros is the best of the "big three" Mexican artists and had made the statement that Siqueiros is "a politically enlightened member of the most progressive political movement, an active member of the directorate of the Mexican Peace Committee, and a great friend of Czechoslovakia."

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3. [REDACTED] the invitation had been discussed with Siqueiros who allegedly accepted the suggestion enthusiastically, saying, "For Czechoslovakia I would like to paint for nothing. I will interrupt all the contracts I have here in order to work there." Reportedly he requested only material, appropriate wall, necessary helpers, expenses, and transportation costs.

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